

who would do not have significant financial means with the access and opportunity to realize the education and training to fill these jobs domestically.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Ms. EDWARDS, for offering this important resolution.

This resolution designates the fourth day of June, 2009 as National Children and Families Day.

Our children are this nation's most important resource, and this resolution highlights the invaluable role families have in raising healthy, well-adjusted children. Families come in many different shapes and sizes, but they all play a critical role in the care and development of their children.

Research shows that spending time together as a family is critical to raising strong and resilient kids. And studies have shown, the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs, so we should be in the business of supporting families.

Early childhood experience lays the foundation for later development, and the first three years of a child's life are especially important. Investing resources in children and families will pay large dividends for our society, not only in increased productivity, but also for more opportunities for our children to realize their dreams.

We must take it upon ourselves as a society to cultivate loving and supporting families whenever possible. National Children and Families Day provides us an opportunity to recognize our responsibility to foster family environments that nurture the next generation and to promote a positive environment for families across America.

Lee Iacocca said it best when he said, "The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family."

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida

Address of requesting entity: 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to help cancer patients find appropriate clinical trials, which will save lives and lower health care costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: All Children's Hospital

Address of requesting entity: 801 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Description: The \$350,000 will be used to build a specialty care center to provide high-quality physician, diagnostic, clinical, and rehabilitative services to underserved populations, which will improve health care and lower costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: SAMHSA—Mental Health

Name of requesting entity: BayCare Health System

Address of requesting entity: 16255 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33760

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to provide services to those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and their families, expanding access to needed care.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Name of requesting entity: Prevent Blindness Florida

Address of requesting entity: 1112 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to provide vision screenings to at-risk children, improving vision and lowering future health costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Details of these projects are:

(1) \$496,000 for the Clare County Transit Corporation, located at 4175 North Clare Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of completing a new multi-modal transportation facility to house administration, operations and maintenance.

(2) \$300,000 for the Roscommon County Transportation Authority, located at 2665 South Townline Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to fifteen replacement buses.

(3) \$250,000 for the Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride Public Transportation, located at 226 North Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307, from the Federal Transit Administra-

tion's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to seven medium duty buses.

(4) \$203,000 for the County Connection of Midland located at, 883 East Isabella Road, Midland, Michigan 48640, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to three gas cutaway buses with lifts and up to three diesel cutaway buses with lifts.

The Clare bus facility is a project that began in 2005 and I helped to secure \$560,000 for this facility. This funding for Clare is the final piece in the long process of building their new facility.

With regards to the bus funding, the State of Michigan has struggled to balance its budget which has led to many cuts in transportation and infrastructure funding. This, coupled with an aging bus fleet and high energy costs, threatens to limit the mobility of seniors, the disabled, and students living in rural areas. The bus funding in this bill will provide important relief to various transit agencies so they may begin to replace their aging fleets and continue to serve rural America. For these reasons, this funding is a wise and responsible expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

CONGRATULATIONS LUCILLE GRIFFO

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for those involved in the Girl Scouts of America, and I have always attended as many Gold Award Gala ceremonies as I am able in my District.

These programs prepare our girls for the challenges of higher education, employment, and adulthood, and their experiences in the Girl Scouting program open many doors for them throughout their lives.

In my hometown of Knoxville, TN, there is one name that is the gold standard for devotion to the Girl Scouts: Lucille Griffio.

Lucille has devoted her career—and her life—to enrich the lives of girls in East Tennessee, and they could not have had a better mentor. With the Girl Scout Promise as her guide, Lucille has been an ambassador for the values and leadership that Girl Scouting teaches.

After graduating from Jacksonville University in 1969, Lucille set out to conquer the business world, but time and again she was told by companies that they did not hire women for management. When a recruiter sent her to a job interview with the Girl Scouts, she thought her gender had type-cast her to a life of arts and crafts.

For more than 40 years, she has steered countless young girls through a transformative time of increasing opportunity for women. As she told the Knoxville News Sentinel recently, "Girls haven't changed—just society around them."

Her job was much more than arts and crafts. As CEO of the Tanasi Council, Lucille was responsible for a multi-million dollar budget and 13,000 Girl Scouts and volunteers in 16 East Tennessee counties.

Lucille began her career much before her role in Girl Scout management. At age 7, she

became a Brownie, and it is an experience she describes as sending a shy little girl through a "journey of self-confidence." It would be hard to count how many girls have benefitted from her leadership and example, but I can say that East Tennessee is a much better place because of Lucille Griffo's devotion to our youth.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Lucille Griffo on her recent retirement as CEO of the Tanasi Council Inc. in Knoxville, Tennessee and bring her remarkable career to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. I encourage everyone to get involved in Girl Scouting programs and help shape our next generation of youth. As Lucille would say, "We need Girl Scouting now more than ever."

AN ANNIVERSARY TO REMEMBER
AND MOURN, AND NEVER REPEAT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, thirty-five years ago, Turkey launched a massive and illegal military invasion of its sovereign neighbor, Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, the Turkish government sent troops to Cyprus, allegedly in response to an effort to unify Cyprus with Greece, citing its interpretation of its rights as a "guarantor" nation to cloak its military invasion under the guise of "restoring the constitutional order" of Cyprus.

As a result of this invasion, over five thousand Greek Cypriots were killed, over sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing, and two hundred thousand Greek Cypriots were forcibly displaced from their homes. Today, Cyprus remains a divided nation, and over forty-three thousand Turkish troops still illegally occupy almost half of the island.

Since the 1974 invasion, the international community has repeatedly condemned the Turkish invasion, and has called for the reunification of Cyprus and the final withdrawal of Turkish troops from the island. In fact, more than seventy-five resolutions have been adopted by the United Nations (UN) Security Council and more than thirteen by the UN General Assembly, calling for the return of Greek Cypriot refugees to their homes and properties.

Turkey has not heeded these calls.

To the contrary, over one hundred and sixty thousand settlers from Turkey now occupy the homes or property of Greek Cypriots evicted from northern Cyprus. These illegal settlers today outnumber the native Turkish Cypriots by almost two to one.

These thirty-five years of occupation in northern Cyprus have also led to the tragic devastation of hundreds of religious and cultural sites. On July 21, 2009, the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission, issued a report entitled, "Destruction of Cultural Property in the Northern Part of Cyprus and Violations of International Law," stating that icons, manuscripts, frescoes and mosaics have been looted from Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Maronite and Jewish religious sites in northern Cyprus.

The Helsinki Commission Report stated that, in the occupied north, over five hundred

Orthodox churches or chapels have been pillaged, demolished or vandalized. Additionally, seventy-seven churches have been turned into mosques, twenty-eight churches are being used by the Turkish military as hospitals or camps, and thirteen churches have been turned into barns. The historic St. Anastasia monastery is now a hotel with a swimming pool and casino; and the Byzantine-era monastery of Antiphonetes has had its icons and murals removed and sold to art dealers. The Helsinki Commission reported that, in contrast to those Turkish actions, the Republic of Cyprus has spent about \$600,000 since 2000 to renovate seventeen historic mosques in the southern portion of Cyprus.

I am cautiously encouraged by the efforts of President of Cyprus Dimitris Christofias and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community in the north, Mr. Mehmet Talat in their reunification negotiations now being held under the auspices of the United Nations. They have now held more than thirty-five rounds of direct talks since negotiations began on September 3, 2008, and they continue to meet on a regular basis. It is clear that the reunification of Cyprus should be based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federal state with a single sovereignty, international personality and citizenship.

Ultimately, any final solution to the division of Cyprus must be developed by the Cypriot people themselves. However, the Turkish government has yet to give the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community the necessary freedom to negotiate a solution, has not agreed to withdraw its troops, and has not publically announced its support for the reunification efforts. To the contrary, on July 20, 2009, the Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek announced that Turkey will never abandon its rights as a "guarantor" power on Cyprus, even if a peace deal is signed between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders later this year.

This is precisely the false premise with which Turkey justified its military invasion in 1974, and the echoes of this false justification will reverberate in the hearts of the people of Cyprus, who continue to live with the brutal consequences of the 1974 incarnation of this argument. The international community rejected this argument thirty-five years ago, and it must today condemn such statements as counterproductive to the reunification process.

It is time that we commemorate the last anniversary of the presence of Turkish troops on Cyprus. It is time the leaders of the Cypriot communities have full freedom to negotiate the reunification of their country, without pressure and imposed conditions from other nations. It is time for there to be a new generation of Cypriots born into a unified homeland.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

The Account: Surface Transportation Priorities—Edwards County Bone Gap Road
Requesting Entity: Edwards County located at Edwards County Courthouse, Alboin IL 62806.

The funding will go towards the reconstruct Bone Gap Rd in Edwards County.

The Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation—Harrisburg Missouri Street Hospital Access Project.

Requesting Entity: City of Harrisburg at 110 East Locust Harrisburg, IL 62946.

The funding will go towards construction of a secondary access route to Harrisburg Medical Center that was inaccessible during floods of 2008.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victor Valley Community Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 15248 Eleventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$250,000 to assist the Victor Valley Community Hospital with a modernization effort that includes the purchase of MRI Equipment, CT scan equipment, and Integration and Implementation, personnel, and training costs. Funding would also be used to provide advanced services such as arthritis care, behavioral health and counseling, community wellness programs, poison control, and senior health services.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: College of the Canyons

Address of Requesting Entity: 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$100,000 to assist the College with the continuation of its University Center Consortium, a program to provide increased access to higher education and advanced training. The Consortium would use this funding to increase the